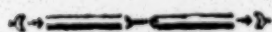
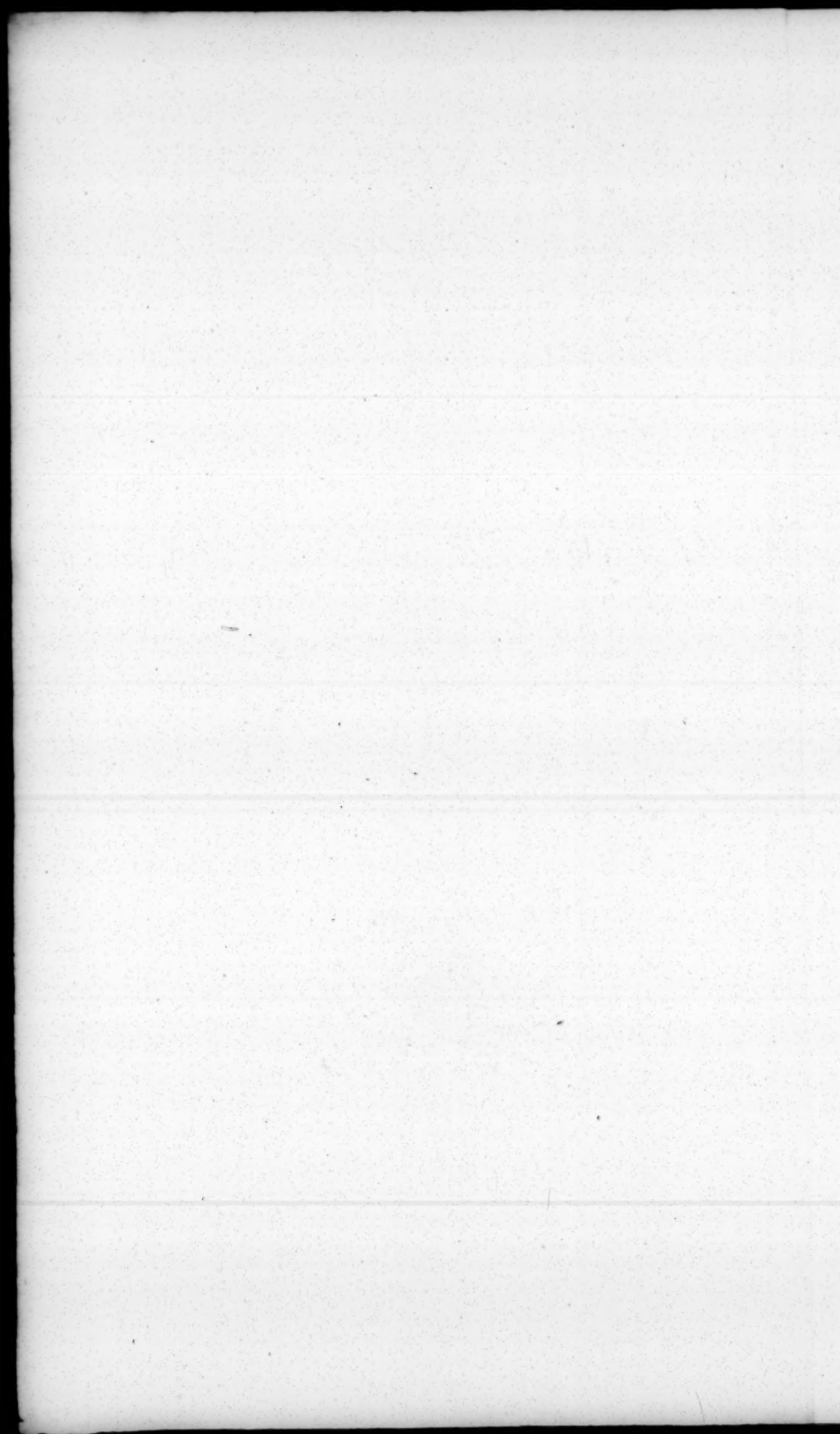




MANDATES
OF THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS, &c.



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OF THEIR LORDSHIPS

JOHN, BISHOP OF CENTURIAE,

VICAR APOSTOLIC OF THE LONDON DISTRICT,

GREGORY WILLIAM, BISHOP OF TELMESSUS,

VICAR APOSTOLIC OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT,

WILLIAM, BISHOP OF ACANTHOS,

VICAR APOSTOLIC OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

AND OF

CHARLES, BISHOP OF HIER. CÆS.

VICAR APOSTOLIC OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT,

WITH THE DEVOTIONS APPOINTED

TO BE SUNG OR SAID

IN ALL THE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPELS

FOR HIS HOLINESS

POPE PIUS VI.

OUR MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN

KING GEORGE III.

AND THIS NATION.



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JOHN, BISHOP of CENTURIAE, VICAR
APOSTOLIC, &c.

*To all the Faithful, Clergy and Laity of the
London District.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

IF you have been alarmed by the calamities which have fallen upon Religion and civil government in these years past—If you have been struck with horror by the menaces which the impious and ferocious enemy threw out against the holy city, and our Sovereign Pontiff—If you have lamented with us the sacrilegious devastation, which marked the Enemy's progress through the Ecclesiastical States, you will now weep with us over the woeful accomplishment of their wickedness in their having seized the holy city, overturned its government, and banished the Sovereign Pontiff from his Chair.

Under such scenes of accumulated woe,
we again call upon you to unite with us in
prostrating before God with humbled and con-
trite hearts, and in pouring out most fervent
A supplications,

supplications, through the passion and death of Jesus our Redeemer, that he will be pleased to let his anger cease, that he will, at length, look with compassion on the affliction of his people, and take his Church, with its visible head into his Almighty protection.

We have not forgotten the consolation which speaketh to us as to children, saying: *My son neglect not the discipline of the Lord: neither be thou wearied whilst thou art rebuked by him: for whom the Lord loveth he chastiseth.* Heb. 12. 5, 6. We know that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14. 21. We also know that the rage of men can never prevail against his Church, or, at any time, divest it's Head of his primacy of jurisdiction—that whether his Holiness reside at Rome, or at Antioch, at Sienna, or in any other part of the world, he holds the place of Peter, and is supreme Head of the Church under Jesus Christ. But although we think not strange the burning heat that is to try us—Although the impiety of our enemies can never prevail to overthrow the Church, or to despoil the Holy Father of his supremacy, yet are they wreaking their vengeance on his flock at Rome, yet do they hold his Holiness, as a captive in their power, and we know not what may, ultimately, be their attempts on his sacred person.

Mindful therefore that prayer was made without ceasing by the Church to God for
Peter,

Peter, when that Apostle and head of the Church was taken up, and cast into prison by King Herod, We wish that prayers be offered by all the Faithful at this awful moment for the Holy Father in his sorrows, and for the whole Church in it's tribulation.

With this view we appoint that all the Clergy of the London District, who have the care of congregations, or who officiate to such, shall on every Sunday and Holiday (until the order be recalled) recite or sing, or cause to be recited or sung before the Mass, the 41st Psalm, viz. *Quemadmodum desiderat cervus ad fontes aquarum, &c.* with the V. *Esio ei Domine turris fortitudinis*, R. *A facie inimici*, with the Prayer *Deus omnium fidelium Pastor, &c.* and that in the Mass to the above Prayer with it's correspondent Secret and Postcommunion be added the Collect *Ne despicias, &c.* as in the Missal *pro quacunque tribulatione*. And We earnestly exhort all the Faithful to unite with their Pastors in these prayers, and in those appointed to be offered for the safety of our most gracious Sovereign and of these realms, with the most fervent devotion.

London, April 21st, 1798.

✠ JOHN CENTURIEN.

P R A Y E R S

*Appointed to be sung or said in all the Roman
Catholic Chapels.*

*For his Holiness PIUS VI. and our most
Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE III.*

TO BE SUNG OR SAID, KNEELING,
BEFORE MASS.

PSALMUS XLI.

QUEM AD MODUM
desiderat cervus
ad fontes aquarum: *
ita desiderat anima mea
ad te Deus.

Sitivit anima mea ad
Deum fortem vivum:
* quando veniam & ap-
parebo ante faciem
Dei.

Fuerunt mihi lacry-
mæ meæ panes die ac
nocte: * dum dicitur
mihi quotidie: Ubi est
Deus tuus?

Hæc recordatus sum,
& effudi in me animam

PSALM XLI.

AS the hart panteth
after the foun-
tains of waters: so
my soul panteth after
thee O God.

My soul hath thirst-
ed after the strong liv-
ing God: when shall
I come and appear be-
fore the face of God.

My tears have been
my bread day & night:
whilst it is said to me
daily where is thy
God?

These things I re-
membered, and poured
out

out my soul in me:
for I shall go over in-
to the place of the won-
derful tabernacle, even
to the house of God:

With the voice of
joy and praise; the
noise of one feasting.

Why art thou sad, O
my soul; and why dost
thou trouble me?

Hope in God; for I
will still give praise to
him, the salvation of
my countenance; and
my God.

My soul is troubled
within myself: there-
fore will I remember
thee from the land of
Jordan and Hermo-
nim, from the little
hill.

Deep calleth on deep,
at the noise of thy
flood-gates.

All thy heights, and
thy billows have passed
over me.

In the day time the
Lord hath commanded
his mercy; and a can-
ticle to him in the
night.

meam: * quoniam
transibo in locum ta-
bernaculi admirabilis,
usque ad domum Dei:

In voce exultationis,
& confessionis: * sonus
epulantis.

Quare tristis es ani-
ma mea: * & quare
conturbas me?

Spera in Deo, quo-
niam adhuc confitebor
illi: * salutare vultus
mei, & Deus meus.

Ad meipsum anima
mea conturbata est: *
propterea memor ero
tui de terra Jordanis,
& Hermonim a monte
modico.

Abyssus abyssum in-
vocat, * in voce cata-
ractarum tuarum.

Omnia excelsa tua,
& fluctus tui * super
me transierunt.

In die mandavit Do-
minus misericordiam
suam: * & nocte can-
ticum ejus.

Apud

Apud me oratio Deo
vitæ meæ, * dicam
Deo: Susceptor meus
es.

Quare oblitus es
mei? * & quare con-
tristatus incedo, dum
affligit me inimicus.

Dum confringuntur
ossa mea, * exprobra-
verunt mihi qui tribu-
lant me inimici mei:

Dum dicunt mihi
per singulos dies, Ubi
est Deus tuus? * quare
tristis es anima mea?
& quare conturbas
me?

Spera in Deo, quo-
niam adhuc confitebor
illi: * salutare vultus
mei, & Deus meus.

Gloria Patri, & Filio,
* & Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in prin-
cipio, & nunc, & sem-
per, * & in sæcula sæcu-
lorum, Amen.

PSALMUS XIX.

EXaudiat te Domi-
nus in die tribu-

With me is prayer
to the God of my life.
I will say to God, thou
art my support.

Why hast thou for-
gotten me? and why go
I mourning, whilst my
enemy afflicts me.

Whilst my bones
are broken, my ene-
mies who trouble me
have reproached me.

Whilst they say to me
day by day, where is
thy God? Why art
thou cast down, O my
soul? and why dost
thou disquiet me?

Hope thou in God,
for I will still give
praise to him: the sal-
vation of my counte-
nance and my God.

Glory be to the Fa-
ther, and to the Son,
& to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without
end. Amen.

PSALM XIX.

MAY the Lord hear
thee in the day
of

of tribulation: may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

May he send thee help from the sanctuary: and defend thee out of Sion.

May he be mindful of all thy sacrifices: & may thy whole burnt offering be made fat.

May he give thee according to thy own heart; and confirm all thy counsels.

We will rejoice in thy salvation; and in the name of our God we shall be exalted.

The Lord fulfil all thy petitions: now have I known that the Lord hath saved his Anointed.

He will hear him from his holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is in powers.

Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

lationis: protegat te nomen Dei Jacob.

Mittat tibi auxilium de sancto: & de Sion tueatur te.

Memor sit omnis sacrificii tui: & holocaustum tuum pingue fiat.

Tribuat tibi secundum cor tuum: & omne consilium tuum confirmet.

Lætabimur in salutari tuo: & in nomine Dei nostri magnificabimur.

Impleat Dominus omnes petitiones tuas: nunc cognovi quoniam saluum fecit Dominus Christum suum.

Exaudiet illum de cœlo sancto suo: in potentatibus salus dexteræ ejus.

Hi in curribus & hi in equis: nos autem in nomine Domini Dei nostri invocabimus.

Ipsi obligati sunt, & ceciderunt: nos autem surreximus, & erecti sumus.

Domine saluum fac Regem, & exaudi nos in die qua invocaverimus te.

Gloria Patri, &c.

V. Esto, Domine, Pontifici nostro Pio, turris fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Domine saluum fac Regem nostrum Georgium.

R. Et exaudi nos in die qua invocaverimus te.

V. Mitte eis, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eos.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

They are bound, & have fallen: but we are risen, and are set upright.

O Lord save the king: and hear us in the day that we shall call upon thee.

Glory, &c.

V. Be unto our chief Bishop Pius, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. Against the face of the enemy.

V. O Lord, save George our King.

R. And hear us in the day that we call upon thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

V. Our Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let

Let us pray.

O God, the pastor and governor of all the faithful, look down in thy mercy on thy servant Pius, whom thou hast appointed Pastor over thy Church: & grant, we beseech thee, that, both by word and example, he may edify all those that are under his charge, and with the flock intrusted to him arrive, at length, at eternal happiness. Through our Lord.

WE beseech thee, **O** Almighty God, that thy servant, George our King, who by thy mercy has received the government of this kingdom; may also receive the increase of all virtues, with which being adorned, he may avoid the monsters of vice, vanquish his enemies; and being pleasing in thy sight come at length to

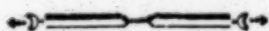
Oremus.

DEUS omnium fidelium pastor & rector, famulum tuum Pium, quem pastorem Ecclesiae tuae praesse voluisti, propitius respice: da ei, quaesumus, verbo & exemplo, quibus praest, proficere: ut ad vitam, una cum grege sibi credito, perveniat sempiternam. Per Dominum nostrum.

QUaesumus omnipotens Deus, ut famulus tuus Georgius Rex noster, qui tua miseratione suscepit regni gubernacula, virtutum etiam omnium percipiat incrementa: quibus decenter ornatus, & vitiorum monstra devitare, hostes superare, & ad te qui via, veritas, & vita es, cum Regina Caroletta et prole Regia,

gia, gratiofus valeat
pervenire. Per Domi-
num,

thee, who art the way,
the truth, and the life,
with Charlotte our
Queen, and all the
royal family. Thro'
our Lord Jesus Christ.



TO BE ADDED TO THE COLLECT IN
EACH MASS.

Oremus.

DEUS omnium fi-
delium pastor &
rector, famulum tuum
Pium, quem pastorem
Ecclesiæ tuæ præesse
voluisti, propitius res-
pice: da ei, quæsumus,
verbo & exemplo, qui-
bus præest, proficere:
ut ad vitam, una cum
grege sibi credito, per-
veniat sempiternam.

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flock intrusted to him
arrive, at length, at
eternal happiness.

TURN

TURN not away thy eyes, O most merciful God, from thy people crying out to thee in their affliction: but for the glory of thy own name relieve us in our necessities. Thro' our Lord.

Secret.

BE appeased, O Lord, with the offerings we have made, and cease not to protect thy servant Pius, whom thou hast been pleased to appoint Pastor over thy Church.

Mercifully receive, O Lord, the offerings, by which thou vouchsafest to be appeased, and by thy great goodness restore us to safety. Thro' &c.

Postcommunion.

MAY the participation of this divine sacrament protect us, we beseech thee, O Lord: and always procure safety and defence to thy servant Pius, whom thou hast ap-

NE despicias, omnipotens Deus, populum tuum in afflictione clamantem: sed propter gloriam nominis tui, tribulatis succurre placatus. Per Dominum nostrum.

Secreta.

Oblatis, quæsumus Domine, placare muneribus: & famulum tuum PIUM, quem pastorem Ecclesiæ tuæ præesse voluisti, assidua protectione gubernare.

Suscipe, Domine, propitius hostias, quibus & te placari voluisti, & nobis salutem potenti pietate restituere. Per Dominum, &c.

Postcommunio.

HÆC nos, quæsumus Domine, divini sacramenti perceptio protegat: & famulum tuum PIUM, quem pastorem Ecclesiæ tuæ præesse voluisti, una cum commisso sibi

sibi grege salvet semper, & muniat.

TRibulationem nostram, quæsumus Domine, propitius respice: & iram tuæ indignationis, quam iuste meremur, averte.

ET famulos tuos, Pium Papam, Georgium Regem nostrum, cum populo et exercitu ipsi commisso, ab omni adversitate custodi: pacem tuam nostris concede temporibus: et ab Ecclesiâ tuâ cunctam repelle nequitiam. Per Dominum nostrum.

pointed Pastor over thy Church, together with the flock committed to his charge.

LOOK down mercifully, O Lord, we beseech thee, on our tribulation; and turn away the wrath of thy indignation, which we justly deserve.

AND mercifully preserve thy Servants Pius our Pope, George our King, with the people and army committed to his care, from all adversity. Grant us peace in our days, and drive far away from thy Church every species of iniquity. Through our Lord.





GREGORY WILLIAM, BISHOP OF
TELMESSUS, VICAR APOSTOLIC, &c.

*To all the Faithful, Clergy and Laity of the
Western District.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

DREADFUL are the calamities under which many of the finest countries of Europe now groan. Kingdoms and commonwealths have been overturned: princes and sovereigns have been deprived of their thrones, their lives even have not been spared: nobles without number have been slain in the field, have perished by the hands of executioners and assassins, or have been forced to abandon their country, their families, their friends and their fortunes, enduring every kind of distress: the ministers of religion, and persons consecrated to God, have experienced the most cruel persecution: all ranks have suffered woes which we should in vain attempt to describe: the peaceful successor of St. Peter, occupied in feeding the lambs and the sheep of JESUS CHRIST, has not only been dispossessed of his property, and of the rank he held among princes,

princes, but has been driven from his Pontifical Chair and treated as a captive To what farther violence he may be exposed we cannot foresee.

How deeply the Universal Church is interested in this event, we may learn from the conduct of the primitive Christians when Herod had imprisoned the Prince of the Apostles. *Peter therefore (says the sacred text) was kept in prison. But prayer was made without ceasing by the Church to God for him. Acts 12. 5.* And when he was miraculously delivered in the night, *He came to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was surnamed Mark, where many were gathered together and praying.* Thus we see that night did not interrupt their prayer on this important occasion: neither was it the act of a few more fervent than the rest, for *many were gathered together.*

Thus the Holy Scripture itself points out to us clearly the way by which we may avert evils and obtain deliverance from dangers. Continual prayer will be heard by the Father of Mercies. Day and night then let us prostrate ourselves before the Throne of the most High: let us bitterly lament our sins, which have provoked his wrath: let us join with true repentance the practice of every virtue: but let our whole dependance be on the merits of our Divine Redeemer, without whose aid we can do nothing.

Nor let our supplications be confined to the cause of Religion alone. We have duties as members of Civil Society. The implacable

enemies of Religion threaten likewise the destruction of our Constitution. The blessings we enjoy under the government of our beloved Sovereign are also the gift of the Almighty. Let us therefore acknowledge his benefits with due thanksgiving and earnestly beg a continuance of them. After this, let us make every exertion in our power to support our King and Country. Let our actions prove that our professions of loyalty are not empty sounds, but the result of principle; that Catholics, ever steady to the allegiance they have sworn, are prepared to repel the aggression of a foreign foe, or to repress the abominable crimes of treason and rebellion, should they be found to exist within the realm.

The strength and courage of our Armies, our immense Navy exulting in its triumphs, the spirit of the Nation, give us great reason to hope that the cruel projects of our Enemies will be defeated. But we must always keep it in remembrance, that *unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it*. Ps. 126.2.

Desiring therefore to obtain the protection of the Lord of Hosts, and treading in the footsteps of our late Venerable Prelate, We order, 1st, that in all the Chapels of this District, on Sundays and Holydays, after the principal Mass, be recited the 53rd Psalm, *Save me, O God*, &c. with the Versicle and prayer, as already used on Sundays: also, the 19th Psalm, *May the Lord hear Thee*, &c. with its Versicle and the Prayer for the King, the Queen, and the

the Royal Family.—*2dly*, That in every Mass the Collect for his Holiness be daily inserted immediately before the Collect *Defende quæsumus, Domine*, which is to be continued.—*3dly*, That after the Postcommunion be daily added at every Mass, *Et famulos tuos, &c.* as is now done on Sundays.—*4thly*, That on the first Saturday of every third month be recited the Litany of the B. Virgin and the Votive Mass, with exposition of the B. Sacrament and Benediction, as appointed by our Illustrious Predecessor.—These regulations to be observed till notice be given to interrupt them.

We earnestly exhort all our flock to join in these acts of devotion, and to perform them with fervor, that they may be acceptable to the Searcher of all hearts.—*The grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and the charity of God, and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all, Amen.*

Bath, April 26, 1798.

✠ GREGORY WILLIAM, TELMESSEN.

PRAYERS

Appointed in the WESEERN DISTRICT.

*First, That on all Sundays and Holidays be recited
after the Principal Mass.*

Psalms LIII.

DEUS in nomine
tuo saluum me
fac: * & in virtute tua
iudica me.

Deus exaudi ora-
tionem meam: * auri-
bus percipe verba oris
mei.

Quoniam alieni in-
surrexerunt adversum
me, & fortes quæsie-
runt animam meam:
* & non proposue-
runt Deum ante con-
spectum suum.

Ecce enim Deus
adjuvat me: * & Domi-
nus susceptor est ani-
mæ meæ.

Psalms LIII.

SAVE me, O God,
by thy name, and
judge me in thy
strength.

O God, hear my
prayer: give ear to the
words of my mouth.

For strangers have
risen up against me;
and the mighty have
sought after my soul;
and they have not set
God before their eyes.

For behold God is
my helper: and the
Lord is the protector
of my soul.

Turn

Turn back the evils
upon my enemies: and
cut them off in thy
truth.

I will freely sacri-
fice to thee, and will
give praise, O God, to
thy name: because it
is good.

For thou hast deli-
vered me out of all
trouble: and my eye
hath looked down up-
on my enemies.

Glory, &c.

Averte mala inimi-
cis meis: * & in veri-
tate tua disperde il-
los.

Voluntarie sacri-
ficio tibi, & confite-
bor nomini tuo Domi-
ne: * quoniam bonum
est.

Quoniam ex omni
tribulatione eripuisti
me: * & super inimi-
cos meos despexit ocu-
lus meus.

Gloria patri, &c.

The *Verse* and *Prayer* as already used on
Sundays.

Psalms xix. Exaudiat te Dominus, &c.
May the Lord hear thee, &c. page 7.

V. Domine salvum, &c. V. O Lord, save,
&c. R. Et exaudi nos, &c. R. And hear us,
&c. page 9.

Quæsumus omnipotens, &c. We beseech
thee, &c. page 10.

Secondly,

Secondly, In every Mass after the Collect, Deus omnium, page 10.

Defende, quæsumus Domine, beata Maria semper virgine intercedente, istud ab omni adversitate regnum: & toto corde tibi prostratum, ab hostium propitius tuere clementer infidiis. Per Dominum.

Defend, O Lord, we beseech thee, by the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, this kingdom from all adversity, and prostrate before thee with all our hearts, mercifully protect us from the snares of the enemy. Thro' our Lord.

Thirdly, Et famulos tuos, &c. to be added to the Postcommunion, as page 13.

Fourthly, On the first Saturday of every month, to be recited the Litany of the blessed Virgin Mary, as in Vespers Book, p. 574.—the Votive Mass, (which differs every quarter) Missale Romanum, with Exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Benediction. See Vespers-Book, page 599.—Printed by J. P. COGLAN.



WILLIAM, BISHOP OF ACANTHOS,
VICAR APOSTOLIC, &c.

*To all the Faithful, Clergy and Laity, of the
Northern District.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE continuation and increase of calamities, with other motives, induce us to make this address to you. In times of great danger, it is our duty to admonish and warn you of them, and it is that of all to attend, and consider what God requires on such occasions. You have heard of the distresses of nations at a distance; and of the near approach of the same to ourselves. They have been made desolate, and we are threatened with the same destruction. Every motive calls on us to attend, to give assistance, and to fear or watch; and if possible to avert the danger from ourselves and others, and in particular from our Royal Sovereign and from our country.

Of

Of all the miseries to which we are liable in this world, those are the most to be deplored that endanger and ruin the soul, and of course, those which fall on the Church which is appointed to direct us in the way of salvation. So that when we hear of such, our compassion should be more excited than by any others, and we should be ready to give all the comfort and succour in our power. From her we hear the most salutary instructions, in her bosom we receive the sacraments, by her we are comforted under all afflictions, from her we learn the true use we ought to make of all the sufferings of this life; by her, in short, we are directed in the sure way to eternal rest. *Christ purchased her with his own blood. She is the pillar and foundation of truth.* There is nothing on earth to be compared to her. She may be stiled the sign of the preservation or dissolution of this world, for Christ will be with her all days to the consummation of it. They who fight against her fight against the existence of it. As then we should esteem her more than all other things on earth; so our grief and concern ought to be proportioned to her affliction and sorrow for the dangers and distress in which she sees her children. Numbers of her ministers and guardians have been imprisoned, exiled, or massacred as is known to all. Multitudes of her members and protectors of all ranks have suffered in the same cruel manner: and thousands or rather millions of souls,
like

like children without bread, are left without any spiritual assistance in the most forlorn condition. Above all our Supreme Pastor, the Successor of St. Peter, to whom was given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and a commission by our Saviour to feed his lambs and sheep, has been violently seized and led into captivity. Such distress and tribulation demand our sighs and tears; and our zealous imitation of the primitive christians during the imprisonment of St. Peter. *Prayer was made, says the word of God, without ceasing by the Church to God for him. Acts 12. 5.* If we were impressed as they were with the idea of the importance of his holy office, we should pray for him without intermission, and with the same fervour that they did for the Prince of the apostles. We have particular obligations to him, and reason to know that his favours would have been greater, had not the extreme necessities of so many thousands of christians who live in the midst of infidel nations, diverted his charity to them. Who will supply the want they experience of his assistance? You must not however be dismayed nor too much dejected at these various and burning trials; but hope that these evil days will be shortened. Many of his predecessors have been driven from their chairs, and suffered a glorious martyrdom in the support of the Church, yet God always did and will keep up a succession. Persecutions commonly con-

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duce to the illustration of the truths of faith. Perhaps never more so than in these late times, when experience has manifestly demonstrated, how much better it would have been for the peace and happiness of mankind to have submitted to the authority established by Christ, to teach all nations, than to any pretensions of uncontrolled reason, or of any private judgment whatsoever.

And here, as our gracious and Royal Sovereign, and Constitution are menaced by the same destroying enemy: and our country is particularly marked out, and devoted to extermination with all that we esteem valuable in it: we exhort you to pour out humble and devout prayers for their preservation, and the protection of government, under the present alarming difficulties it has proclaimed to be hanging over us. And we intreat you to be ever ready, as we know you are, to give every assistance in your power when and where it directs and commissions you to act and wants your help.

Beholding likewise our own particular danger as individuals, it behoves each to look to himself, and consider what may happen to him, and whether he can drink the chalice that may be prepared for him. All these evils are inflicted in punishment of sin. *All then every where are called to do penance. The axe is laid to the root of the tree . . . either the kingdom of heaven must be purchased by penance,*
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or the tree must be cast into the fire. What will it profit you if by your valour and fidelity you save the kingdom, or the whole world, if you lose your own soul? The justice and mercy of God by means of the present chastisements manifestly announce to us, that his service is neglected, and that much more is required of us than we have hitherto deemed necessary.

That you may comply in part with what we have here pointed out: we order that all the clergy of the Northern District, who have the care of congregations, shall on every Sunday and Holiday (until the order be recalled) say after the Collect of the day the Prayer *Deus omnium fidelium pastor*, p. 10. &c. and that in the Mass to the above prayer be added, with the Secret and Postcommunion the Collect, *Ne despicias*, &c. as in the Missal *pro quacunque tribulatione*. And that before or after Mass be said the 50th Psalm *Miserere mei Deus*, &c. and the prayer for his Holiness *Deus omnium fidelium pastor et rector*, &c. And after Mass the 19th Psalm *Exaudiat*, and the prayer for the King, Queen and Royal Family, and that after the Postcommunion be daily added, *Et famulos tuos*, &c. as hitherto. All other Priests must say the same prayers prescribed to be said in the Mass.

We earnestly wish that all may immediately and without delay conform to these instructions and join in these prayers, and seriously reflect on the trials they may be exposed to both as to soul and body and prepare for
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them in time by the most religious fervor in the service of God, and fidelity to our King and country. We beseech God to protect you and these realms, and to grant courage and unanimity to all in defence of them. We send you our benediction.

York, May the 4th, 1798.

✠ WILLIAM ACANTHEN.



To all the Faithful of the Midland District.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

N. **I**N the present scenes of trouble which continue to disturb the nations of Europe, which threaten to involve our own islands in the same disasters, and which have already reached to the sacred person of our first Pastor, we call upon you, with humble and contrite hearts, to approach to the Throne of Mercy, beseeching our common Father to look down with compassion on the afflictions of his children, to suspend the further effusion of blood, to take these kingdoms into his almighty protection, and to guard his Church, with its visible Head, from all the designs of their enemies.

We know indeed, that *whom the Lord loveth, he chastiseth*, and that *through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God*: we also know that no malice of man can prevail against the Church of God, nor, at any time, divest its Head of that primacy of jurisdiction, which, by the divine appointment, belongs to him. You must likewise be sensible

ble that whether the first Pastor reside at Rome, or in any other city of the world, whether he hold temporal possessions, or, like his Master (*whose kingdom is not of this world*) have not *where to lay his head*, he is not less the successor of St. Peter, and the supreme head of the Catholic Church under Jesus Christ. Still feeling for the distresses to which his Holiness is reduced, let us remember what was the conduct of the first Christians, when the Prince of the Apostles, by the command of King Herod, was cast into prison at Jerusalem: *Prayer, says the sacred text, was made, without ceasing, by the Church of God for him.*

It is therefore our wish, that prayers be now offered by all the faithful for our Holy Father in his sorrows, for the general welfare of the Church, and for averting the calamities of war from this and all other countries.—With this view we appoint that all the officiating clergy of the Midland District shall, on every Sunday and Holiday, (until the order be recalled) recite before the Mass the 41st Psalm, viz. *As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, &c. with the V. Be unto him, O Lord, a tower of strength. R. From the face of the enemy, with the prayer, O God, the pastor of all the faithful, &c. and that in the Mass, to the above prayer, with its correspondent Secret and Postcommunion be added the Collect, Ne despicias, &c. as in the Missal pro quacunque tribulatione. And we earnestly exhort all the faithful to unite with their pastors in these prayers, and in those appointed*

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pointed to be offered for the safety of our
most Gracious Sovereign and of these realms,
with the most fervent devotion.

Long-birch, May 5, 1798.

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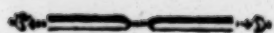


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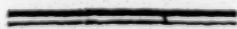
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